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25X1A 1. No incoming or outgoing shipments of troops or materiel were observed in the southern portion of the Letzling Heath (M 53/Y 53) training area between 3 and 16 June 1951. German workmen stated that the camp in the woods was still occupied to capacity and that there were no changes in the occupation. On 16 June, ammunition was unloaded from three boxcars in Neuwaldensleben and hauled off by trucks. During the period of observation, 25X1C gun fire, apparently by tanks, was frequently heard at night from the direction of the artillery range. Groups of about 15 to 20 soldiers were seen arriving at, and departing from, the Neuwaldensleben railroad station.

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25X1C 2. On 13 June, all westbound roads and ways at Letzling Heath between Luederitz and Dolle were blocked by sentries. Two emplaced AA guns were observed in the area northwest of Salchau. They were about 50 meters apart and were camouflaged by shrubbery. A convoy of 4 sedans and about 25 trucks, coming from the direction of Gardelegen, was seen on the Gardelegen-Salchau road. Each truck was occupied by about 25 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Four of the trucks, towed artillery pieces of about 75-mm. The convoy was followed by two JS tanks. A tent camp was located north of the road, about 5 km northwest of Salchau. Numerous motor vehicles, dug in up to their wheels and camouflaged, and several field kitchens were noticed in the camp. 25X1C 25X1C

25X1C There was a great deal of activity in the camp. About 500 troops were seen constructing field emplacements behind the camp.

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3. The construction of barracks installations on the southern edge of Uchtspringe began about 1 June. All bricklayers and craftsmen living in the neighborhood were contracted for this work. ***

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[redacted] observed at the tent camp, 5 km northwest of Salchau, indicated that the camp quarters components of the 19th Gds Mecz Div. Three of the vehicles observed in the northern portion of Letzling Heath belonged to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div, 1 to the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps, 1 to the 7th Gds Mecz Div and 1 to the CGFC.

*** [redacted] Comment. A camp in the area southeast of Uchtspringe was previously identified. The new barracks buildings will probably not be added to the old camp. It has not been determined whether the barracks will quarter troops only during the training season or whether they are permanent quarters.

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